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The Administration shall:

- (1) provide advisory, consultative, training, and educational services, technical assistance, grant and loan funds therefor, and financial assistance to any municipality, county, State unit, local public agency, nonprofit organization, or private entity, in order to establish or carry out sound energy policies or practices, including energy management and energy conservation;
- (2) assume those responsibilities delegated to the State energy offices in accordance with the orders, rules, and regulations adopted under any federal laws relating to the allocation, conservation, development, or consumption of energy resources or any other delegation of federal authority pertaining to energy;
- (3) evaluate and coordinate energy related policies and activities among all agencies of the Executive Branch of the State and, where appropriate, those of the various local governments;
- (4) collect, analyze, and evaluate statistics and information related to energy use, conservation, consumption, and energy production and coordinate information related to energy resources, including electricity, natural gas, and the production of oil and natural gas, with the Public Service Commission, the Power Plant Research Program, and the Maryland Geological Survey;
- (5) serve as liaison between federal and State agencies for all matters related to energy and maintain liaison with energy agencies in other states;
- (6) develop and conduct education and communications programs for and disseminate informative materials to the public on energy production, supply, and conservation;
- (7) provide for, encourage, and assist, where practicable, public participation in the development and dissemination of energy programs;
- (8) in cooperation with the Department of General Services, monitor the energy savings accrued by the energy management and conservation efforts undertaken by agencies of State government;

(9) coordinate and direct integrated energy planning for State agencies and the public that recognizes the benefits and costs of energy conservation and improved efficiency;

(10) promote the transfer and commercialization of energy conservation methods and energy technology from private and public laboratories to the citizens of the State;

(11) cooperate and coordinate with other State agencies in the research and development of energy conservation methods and alternative energy technologies; and

(12) develop strategic plans and implement policies relating to energy supply management, including the promotion and supervision of research on alternative fuels and energy emergency management.

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